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Honorary Doctor of Letters Awarded to  
**Dr. Indu Shahani**  
by the University of Westminster in London  
November 16, 2009

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At a well attended Graduation Ceremony at the grand Barbican Centre in Central London, Dr. Indu Shahani, Hon'ble Sheriff of Mumbai and Principal of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics was awarded the coveted Doctor of Letters by the prestigious University of Westminster in UK on Nov. 16, 2009, for her outstanding and sustained contribution to education and community.

The D Litt degree was bestowed on Dr. Shahani by the Chancellor of the University Lord Swaraj Paul, amidst the presence of the Vice-Chancellor Dr Geoffrey Petts, Pro Vice Chancellors, Faculty, students and a very distinguished audience.

Dr. Shahani was presented for the award by Mr. Colin Matheson, Director of Scholarships, University of Westminster. In his citation Mr. Matheson described Dr. Shahani as "an inspirational woman whose efforts have changed many lives for the better, a role model for many Indian women, a distinguished academic and leader. "

Dr. Indu Shahani in her acceptance speech thanked the University of Westminster for the honour bestowed upon her and said that it was indeed an emotional moment for her because of the deep relationship with the University which had indeed been a role model of internationalisation in higher education through proactive, responsive and innovative partnerships. The Sheriff's Scholarships supported by the University on 26/11 were the best answer to terrorism and an attempt to build strong global communities. The D Litt degree had helped Dr. Shahani to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dream of 'Be the change you want to see happen'.

Dr. Indu Shahani joins the ranks of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, A.R. Rahman and others who have received Honorary Doctorates.